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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Preliminary majority prices were up 6 cents in the Midwest, 5 cents in the Northeast and unchanged in the West. Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm; mostly fully steady to firm. Retail demand was fair to fairly good. Food service was fairly good. Supplies of all sizes were in close balance and clearing well, with the hot and humid weather conditions affecting sizes in the South and Northeast. In the parts complex, breast items continued tight to short. Leg quarters were in close balanced and well cleared. Wings were at least steady. In production areas, live supplies were about moderate with weights ranging desirable to light.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/16-08/21/99 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)			COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—		
Chicago	49.00-54.00	49.00-62.50	53.00	22
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—		
Cleveland	TFEWR	—		
Denver	64.50	—		
Detroit	TFEWR	—		
Los Angeles	65.00	—		
New York	50.00-53.00	—		
Philadelphia	TFEWR	—		
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	—		
St. Louis	TFEWR	—		
San Francisco	65.50	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-60.00	56.00-64.00	59.31	84

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 60.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
577	53.00-69.50	59.92
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	170.50	4,056
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.50	1,828
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.50	562
LEG QUARTERS	21.00	8,063
WINGS	50.00	2,742

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally firm in the major terminal markets. Demand was moderate to good, best into fast food. Retail demand improved and ranged fair to occasionally good. Supplies were balanced to well cleared as hot weather affected both sizes and in spot locations livability. In the parts structure, breast items remained firm, steady to firm on the balance. In production areas live supplies were moderate with weights ranging desirable to light.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was fully steady. Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week. Offerings of southern wholebodies tight; adequate overall from California production areas. Demand was fairly good, best to cover features. Floor stocks generally adequate. The market was firm on breasts, fully steady on leg quarters and thighs and generally steady on wings and drumsticks.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries were 6 cents higher into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole fryer trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Additional whole bird offerings limited. Movement into all channels was mixed, mostly moderate at best with fast food demand fairly good in Chicago and Ohio. Floor stocks were adequate with weights desirable. Parts trading spotty with some buyers in all areas reporting being shorted on breast items. Supplies were tight to short on breast items and adequate on the balance. Parts trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on breast items, steady on remainder.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was irregular. Offerings of heavier weights were generally short and the balance was usually adequate to meet current trade needs. Retail and distributive demand was mixed and mostly of a seasonal nature. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts market, weather was becoming a major factor in availability causing most dealers difficulty in filling their orders.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued to keep seller offerings well balanced to short of immediate needs. Live supplies were about moderate; weights varied, but were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were reduced in instances, but remained moderately heavy in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 53 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in short supply. Boneless skinless breasts were tight. Leg quarters continued to clear well. Wings were in closer balance, but adequate at most points.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	47-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.33
NO. OF BOXES	8,015
CUMULATIVE	08/09/99-08/13/99 54.05
	08/10/98-08/14/98 75.54
NO. OF BOXES	08/09/99-08/13/99 37,745
	08/10/98-08/14/98 39,417

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUG 13, 1999

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	611	135.00-187.00	155-165	160.48	593	135.00-187.00	170-175	166.57	2,664	158.43
TENDERLOINS	124	135.00-190.00	140-145	148.79	1,000	135.00-200.00	140-145	189.11	1,536	177.25
BREAST - LINE RUN	160	63.00-78.00	71-74	73.90	TOO FEW TO REPORT				796	73.04
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				186	71.00-85.00	74-75	76.59	406	70.78
LEGS	126	19.00-27.00	26-27	25.98	240	26.00-35.00	26-27	29.17	869	26.76
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	122	15.00-19.00	17-18	17.36	446	18.00-19.00	-	18.46	971	17.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,251	16.00-20.00	19-20	18.68	1,360	18.00-21.00	19-21	19.79	8,491	18.63
WINGS (WHOLE)	166	47.00-53.00	48-49	49.70	206	47.00-53.00	48-49	49.96	871	49.90
WINGS (CUT)	409	52.00-68.00	57-59	58.96	624	57.00-68.00	58-59	59.56	2,915	58.69
DRUMSTICKS	86	24.00-35.00	-	24.77	140	24.00-35.00	-	28.71	490	25.97
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				28	34.43
B/S THIGHS	172	52.00-71.00	-	59.48	168	52.00-71.00	-	60.11	907	60.10

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR AUG 12, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

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TODAY'S		TODAY'S		5-DAY	
RANGE	AVERAGE	RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	
50.00 - 52.00	51.18	44.50 - 52.00	47.53	43.39	

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light due in part to the lack of product. Offerings of breast items were practically nonexistent with other items quickly reaching the same levels as weather factors affected production. Retail and distributive demand was seasonally slow as weather and few features limited consumer buying interest. The market tone in general was fully steady to firm.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**				
BREAST - B/S	165-170	166.98	356,900		170-175	170.28	541,120	163.21	2,055,246	
TENDERLOINS	135-140	139.27	43,800		135-140	139.42	35,120	136.09	207,957	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	81.29	178,420		77-78	82.88	188,840	77.55	944,100	
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	75.17	84,840		77-78	82.88	188,840	77.55	944,100	
LEGS	28-29	29.03	239,640		77-78	82.88	188,840	77.55	944,100	29-30
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	19.46	466,761		30.47	239,280	30.77	958,120		19-20
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	32.55	76,110		19.43	555,640	18.95	2,115,087		32-33
THIGHS	18-19	26.97	64,760		33.42	276,270	32.36	381,990		19-20
B/S THIGHS	70-71	70.01	19,840		26.00	82,970	25.69	413,070		70-71
WINGS (WHOLE)	45-46	50.78	162,680		69.61	134,440	69.97	137,050		45-46
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04	18,560		51.73	207,000	52.10	930,304		10-12
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.58	13,840		12.22	19,240	12.12	101,280		35-40
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	42.66	36,520		39.26	11,280	35.89	67,506		40-45
INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.					42.81	30,760	41.39	149,890		

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	08/13	08/12	08/11	08/10	08/11	08/10	08/06	08/04
ALA	4,102	3,770	3,779	3,748	4.90	4.92	4,191	4.98
ARK	5,965	5,156	4,963	5,097	4.56	4.60	5,698	4.69
DELMARVA	2,341	2,412	2,457	2,489	4.99	4.93	2,323	5.01
KY-LA-TN	1,973	1,812	1,743	1,729	4.28	4.42	1,718	4.27
MISS	3,345	2,751	2,744	2,719	4.88	4.80	2,589	4.88
NC	2,653	2,576	2,546	2,550	5.48	5.53	2,982	5.41
TEXAS	2,865	1,990	2,046	2,017	4.47	4.52	2,289	4.67
TOTAL	23,244	20,467	20,278	20,349	4.80	4.82	21,790	4.86
MON-FRI	105,243(A)						102,400(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Aug and 14-Aug-99 is estimated to be 34,776,000 up 6.36 percent from a week ago and up 10.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,698,000; last year 31,463,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 14-Aug-99 is estimated to be 156,347,000 head up 2.5 percent from a week ago, and up 5.1 percent from a year ago (Last week 152,521,000 Last year 148,754,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 107
	ICE PACK 92-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 112
	ICE PACK 104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 98
	ICE PACK 92
DUCKS	149-166

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices ranged slightly lower to generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate. Floor stocks were clearing but offerings were fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady with some caution noted.

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

22-27 MAJORITY 25-26

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

33-36 MAJORITY 33-34.75

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT

NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

26-29 MAJORITY 26-27

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

33-38 MAJORITY 36-37

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Market conditions were steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate. Offerings were generally ample for processors needs. Undertone was cautious and barely steady as some new contracts were noted at lower levels.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN Prices were unchanged. Offers fully adequate for processor's needs. Slaughter schedules at desired levels. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Offerings in good balance with current needs. Plants worked desired schedules.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.5	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT